

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. YAMADA et al.

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For: DATA FORMAT CONVERSION METHOD AND EQUIPMENT, AND  
CONTROLLER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USING DATA FORMAT  
CONVERSION EQUIPMENT

Group: 2193

Examiner: John Q. Chavis

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 2, 2009

Sir:

The following is in response to the December 2, 2008 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requests Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Invention II, claims 6-12 for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 6-12 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing

of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.42830X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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